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CIVIL AVIATION
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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the administrative cadre of the International Airport at Thiruvananthapuram has been placed under an authority at Chennai;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefore,

(c) whether above arrangement would delay the execution of the development projects proposed for the Airport;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to restore the earlier position; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In order to have unified control under `Single Point Administration` the establishements hitherto being controled from two different locations, i.e., from Central Headquarters, New Delhi and Regional Headquaters, Chennai are now under a common command of Airport Director, who will oversee/coordinate all the functions related to ATC, communications and other operational functions. This does not lead to any changes in the pattern of working at the Thiruvananthapuram airport a s i t i n purely an administrative Measure.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.